

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Federal Disaster Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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Press Release

SBA DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE VICTIMS TOPS \$50 MILLION

Sacramento, CA – U.S. Small Business Administrator Hector V. Barreto said today that SBA has approved \$53,488,100 in low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, and businesses whose property was damaged by the Southern California wildfires.

"I am pleased to announce that the SBA has been able to help 433 Californians as they work to rebuild their homes and businesses and communities in the devastating aftermath of these terrible fires," Barreto said. "By making more than \$50 million in disaster loans, SBA is putting people back in their homes and back to work. We are helping to rebuild together – not just structures, but communities. There is still a long road ahead, but today marks a significant milestone, and there can be no doubt we are making real progress."

"SBA's disaster loans are a critical source of economic stimulation in disaster-ravaged communities, helping spur employment and stabilizing tax bases," Barreto said. "SBA helps homeowners and renters, businesses of all sizes and nonprofit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured or uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations."

Small businesses only also may apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$1.5 million if they have been financially impacted by the disaster. Even without any property damages, small businesses may need these working capital loans to help pay their fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact.

Barreto encouraged all individuals and business owners who suffered damage as a result of the fires to register for Federal and state disaster assistance programs by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency's toll-free registration number at (800) 621-3362.

For more information on SBA's disaster assistance programs, individuals and business owners may call toll-free (800) 488-5323. Hearing impaired individuals may call (916) 566-7388.

See attached list of Local Assistance Centers:

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	LOS ANGELES COUNTY Hughes Community Center 1700 Danbury Road (near intersection of Towne Ave. & Scripps Dr.) Claremont, CA 91711	HOURS: Monday – Wednesday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Open until further notice
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY Alpine Camp & Conference Center 415 Clubhouse Drive Blue Jay, CA 92317	HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Open until further notice
LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY 105 N. Leland Norton Way (Airport Terminal Building) San Bernardino, CA 92408	HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Open until further notice
LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER	SAN DIEGO COUNTY Old Grossmont Bank Building 1347 Tavern Road, Suite 30 (in Alpine Creek Shopping Center) Alpine, CA 91901	HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Open until further notice
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	SAN DIEGO COUNTY Julian Elementary School 1704 Cape Horn (in the parking lot of the elementary & high school) Julian, CA 92036	HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Open until further notice
LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER	SAN DIEGO COUNTY 325 6th Street (old post office building) Ramona, CA 92065	HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Open until further notice
LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER	SAN DIEGO COUNTY Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, Gym 11454 Blue Cypress Drive (off Spring Canyon Rd. & across from St. Gregory Church) San Diego, CA 92131	HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Open until further notice
LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER	SAN DIEGO COUNTY 28565 Cole Grade Road (Valley Center Road Maintenance section) Valley Center, CA 92082	HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Open until further notice
SBA DISASTER CENTER	Ventura County Moorpark Community Center, Citrus Room 799 Moorpark Avenue (N. of High St., across from the Fire Dept.) Moorpark, CA 93021	HOURS: Thursdays and Fridays 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Beginning Thurs. December 4, Open until further notice